

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 11-24.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating in Section 4 of the Office Action that claims 2, 6, 7 and 9 are allowable if written in independent form. To obtain early allowance of this application, claims 1-10 have been canceled and these four claims indicated allowable are written in independent form followed by appropriate dependent claims.

As a convenience to the Examiner the following claim chart shows the basis for each of the new claims 11-24.

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Previous claim</u>
11	1 + 2
12	3
13	4
14	5
15	8
16	1 + 6
17	3
18	8
19	1 + 7
20	3
21	8
22	1 + 9
23	3
24	8

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Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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